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### LIST OF AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the first paragraph on pages 12-13 of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

Shown now in Figure 1 is one embodiment of the present invention, toilet over spray shield 10 which is provided with interior cylindrical wall 12 along which urine spray may be specifically directed at amusing image 13. The amusing image may be a sticker of a cartoon figure as shown in the figure. The image makes using a toilet a game to young boys such that they learn proper toileting skills. In alternate embodiments of the present invention, sticker 13 may be replaced with imprinted images, a laser image or even a die cut image, all of which are well known in the prior art. In this particular version of over spray shield 10, a domed cover 14 is shown which prevents upward spray from hitting the user, the walls or the floor nearby. Along domed cover 14 at the rear is handle means 16 which is shown in the figure at the rear of the device as an internal part of the mold of the present invention, such that it does not protrude above the domed cover 14. The handle 16 will be part of the mold in order to avoid the problems associated with screwed or glued in handle means, namely injuries to young children as well as to make to device easy to manufacture. Further integral handle 16 will make the present embodiment much easier to clean with no crevices to collect soiling therewithin. The lower exterior semi-elliptical wall 18 of over spray shield 10 is simply placed within the toilet bowl rim 24 protruding into toilet bowl 22 after the toilet seat 26 and lid 28 have been lifted. Along exterior cylindrical wall 18, there exists a flat flange means 20

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which is perpendicular to the wall 12, and encircles the wall 12 in a semi-elliptical fashion.

This flange means 20 sits upon the toilet bowl rim 24 substantially along the horizontal plane such that the toilet over spray shield 10 does not fall into the toilet bowl 22. When the device is no longer in use, it may be lifted off of toilet seat by means of handle 16. Of course, it is intended that over spray shield 10 is preferably made from a lightweight thermoplastic which is simple to blow mold or injection mold, or it may be made from another sturdy but lightweight polymer. Another advantage of thermoplastic or another lightweight polymer substitute is that it will be easy to clean and will not be easily degraded by caustic cleaning chemicals, which are commonly used to clean and sanitize toilets.

Please replace the first paragraph on page 14 of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 2 shows rear perspective view of toilet spray shield 10 in which semi-elliptical exterior wall 18 is shown in more detail. Further one can see how handle means 16 is formed as part of domed cover 14 [[.]], which is an integral recessed handle. This has the added feature of reducing costs of manufacturing and repairs because the apparatus is one formed piece without attachment means such as screws or glue that may break or degrade after repeated use. Flat flange attachment means 20 do not necessarily encircle the entire device and are consequently shown hugging the device without being one single flange piece. This allows the device to be used on any toilet without forming it to the exact

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dimension of every toilet bowl and rim.